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Pestina reminds you NOT to bring plant pests and animal diseases to the United States when you return. And, being informed about agricultural quarantines, you can help prevent a costly pest menace and speed your own entry into the United States.

These pests and diseases, often unseen, travel inside and on fruit, plants, vegetables, seeds, meat, and meat products. One such pest, the Mediterranean fruit fly, sneaked into Florida's citrus. It cost Americans \$21 million to get rid of her. New pests and diseases are constantly knocking on our doors.

The watchful traveler can help keep plant pests and animal diseases out of his country. Follow the steps outlined in this folder. Cooperate fully with agricultural quarantine and customs inspectors. Help protect our shores from this foreign menace . . . and save time, too, at ports of entry.



***Know U.S. Agricultural Quarantine Laws
... Speed Your Entry Into the United States***

Returning U.S. citizens can speed their clearance at U.S. ports of entry by preparing in advance to meet agricultural quarantine requirements.

Do not bring meats, fruits, plants, soil, or other agricultural products to the United States. It is unlawful to bring in such items without permission because they often carry destructive plant or animal pests and diseases.

For further information about U.S. entry requirements, contact: Agricultural Research Service, Plant Quarantine Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.